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SUBJ: DEMIREL GOVERNMENT'S COALITION PROTOCOL: FOREIGN POLICY  
AND NATIONAL SECURITY SECTION: IMPLICATIONS FOR USG-GOT  
SECURITY RELATIONSHIP

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1. FOLLOWING IS EXCERPT REGARDING USG-GOT SECURITY  
RELATIONSHIP FROM FOREIGN POLICY AND NATIONAL SECURITY  
SECTION OF NATIONAL FRONT COALITION PROTOCOL OF MARCH 31:

BEGIN QUOTE A. THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE TURKISH REPUBLIC  
HAVE ATTACHED IMPORTANCE TO THE FOUNDATION OF CLOSE FRIENDSHIP  
RELATIONS WITH THE USA, AND TURKEY AND THE USA HAVE SET  
UP RELATIONS WITHIN THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE FOR THE  
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SECURITY OF BOTH SIDES. THE TURKISH GOVERNMENTS HAVE ALWAYS

DONE THEIR SHARE FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THESE RELATIONS AND COOPERATION IN A WAY BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT AND ASSISTANCE. IT IS A PLEASING FACT FOR TURKEY TO SEE THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HAVE A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO THIS SUBJECT. HOWEVER, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC OPINION TO ASSESS THE AMERICAN POLICY TOWARDS TURKEY BY MAKING A DISTINCTION BETWEEN TWO POLICIES, ONE BELONGING TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE OTHER TO CONGRESS. IT IS BOTH NATURAL AND INEVITABLE THAT THIS ASSESSMENT IS MADE ON THE AMERICAN POLICY WHICH IS IMPLEMENTED IN PRACTICE.

B. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY THAT THE AMERICAN POLICY WHICH IS REFLECTED IN PRACTICE TODAY BECAUSE OF THE STANCE OF CONGRESS HELPS TO KEEP TURCO-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND COOPERATION AT THE DESIRED LEVEL. IT IS DIFFICULT TO COMPROMISE WITH NORMAL RELATIONS, MUCH LESS WITH RELATIONS WHICH MUST EXIST BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES HAVING SUCH CLOSE RELATIONS IN AN ALLIANCE, THE STANCE WHICH THE U.S. CONGRESS HAS TAKEN TOWARDS TURKEY AND WHICH WITHOUT ANY EXAGGERATION CAN BE DESCRIBED AS HOSTILE.

C. IN ADDITION TO THE GRAVE MISTAKE THE U.S. CONGRESS IS MAKING IN THE ASSESSMENT OF THE PRIORITIES OF ITS OWN COUNTRY'S INTERESTS, IT HAS ENGAGED ON A PATH WHICH IS DOOMED TO YIELD THE ADVERSE RESULT FOR THE REALIZATION OF THE AIM IT CHERISHES. IT IS EVIDENT THAT NOT ONLY WILL THE RELATIONS BE ALL N THE TWO COUNTRIES UNDERGO SERIOUS DAMAGE, BUT THE WESTERN ALLIANCE WILL ALSO BE GREATLY HARMED BY IT IF THIS MISTAKE IS NOT UNDERSTOOD AND THE NECESSARY STEPS ARE NOT TAKEN FOR ITS RECTIFICATION WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME.

D. CERTAINLY THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUCH A RESULT WILL NOT BELONG TO TURKEY WHO HAS HITHERTO MANIFESTED SUCH GREAT PATIENCE AND FORBEARANCE, BUT TO THOSE WHO HAVE PERSISTED IN THIS IRRESPONSIBLE AND WRONG STAND. THIS STANCE OF THE U.S. CONGRESS WILL LEAD TO GREATER DAMAGES BY THE DOUBTS IT WILL CAUSE OVER THE CREDIBILITY OF THE USA, IN ADDITION  
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TO THE HARM IT WILL DO TO THE RELATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES AND THE DEFENSE OF THE ALLIANCE.

E. EVEN THOUGH WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS STILL MUTUAL BENEFIT IN THE MAINTENANCE OF THE FRIENDSHIP AND ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFEGUARDING IT RESTS WITH BOTH SIDES AND NOT JUST WITH ONE. IF THE U.S. CONGRESS DOES NOT MANIFEST THIS RESPONSIBILITY,

IT WILL BE INEVITABLE TO RESHAPE THE EXISTING RELATIONS IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW CONDITIONS. END QUOTE

2. COMMENT: WE FIND PROTOCOL ON USG-GOT SECURITY  
RELATIONSHIP RELATIVELY CAUTIOUS IN TONE (COMPARED WITH THE  
AVERAGE TURKISH POLITICAL SPEECH OR NEWSPAPER EDITORIAL  
ON THIS SUBJECT) ALTHOUGH IT CLEARLY IDENTIFIES A CRISIS IN OUR  
RELATIONSHIP AND IN SOMEWHAT SIMPLISTIC FASHION CLEARLY  
PLACES BLAME FOR THIS CRISIS IN THAT RELATIOSHIP SQUARELY  
UPON U.S. CONGRESS. IT ALSO REITERATES A THEME EXPRESSED  
BY SPOKESMEN OF THE IRMAK GOVERNMENT--THAT IT IS  
IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE GOT AND TURKISH PUBLIC OPINION TO  
MAINTAIN A DISTINCTION BETWEEN POLICIES OF THE U.S.  
ADMINISTRATION AND THE U.S. CONGRESS. WITH RESPECT TO THE  
LATTER, IT DEFINITELY SUGGESTS TIME IS RUNNING, BUT IT WISELY  
SETS NO SPECIFIC PUBLIC DEADLINES.  
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